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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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PRETORIA ALSO FOR AMBASSADOR LOW

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SUBJ: SAG ASSURANCE TO MCHENRY THAT ZAMBIAN INCURSION ENDED

REF: (A) USUN 3327, (B) LUSAKA 3009

1. REFTEL A, ASKING EMBASSY TO PASS ON SAG ASSURANCES THAT ITS TROOPS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN WAS RECEIVED AFTER REFTEL B, REPORTING THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WERE CONTINUING ATTACKS INSIDE ZAMBIA LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 26. AS NOTED IN REFTEL B, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER ALLINSON HAD PASSED ON TWO BOTHA'S ASSURANCES THAT SAG FORCES WERE BEING WITHDRAWN TO CHONA EARLIER IN THE DAY. ECKSTEEN HAD APPARENTLY GOTTEN THE ASSURANCES

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FROM HIS GOVERNMENT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

2. I HAVE CONSULTED WITH ALLINSON, AND HE AGREES THAT WE SHOULD NOT APPROACH CHONA ON THE BASIS OF ECKSTEEN'S REPORT TO MCHENRY. GIVEN THE APPARENT CONTINUATION OF THE SAG MILITARY THRUST, ASSURANCES ONCE AGAIN THAT SAG MILITARY ACTION HAS BEEN HALTED WOULD LACK CREDIBILITY. WE BOTH BELIEVE WE SHOULD

GET BACK TO CHONA WHEN IT IS CLEAR THAT SOUTH AFRICAN ASSURANCES
ARE MORE THAN WORDS.

3. ALLINSON ASKS THAT USUN AND DEPARTMENT PASS THE ABOVE
TO HIS BRITISH COLLEAGUES.
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